



City of Albuquerque

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE SEVENTEENTH COUNCIL

Declaring that emergency conditions exist due to severe fire conditions and authorizing the Albuquerque Fire Department to apply for financial assistance to aid in fire prevention and preparedness.

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WHEREAS, the rapidly escalating danger of range fires, grass fires, forest fires and structure fires is high in and around the City of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, the weather in Albuquerque has been extremely dry and windy, contributing to the present high fire risk, and it is predicted that the hot and dry weather will continue into the coming weeks, causing progressively worsening fire conditions; and

WHEREAS, a number of large wild fires have already affected several areas throughout the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Office of the National Weather Service and the Albuquerque Zone Fire Weather, forecast increased winds, minimal chance of measurable precipitation and continued decrease in vegetation moisture which indicate an upward trend in wildfire events in Bernalillo County; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of New Mexico, through Executive Order 2006-009, has declared an emergency throughout New Mexico due to severe fire conditions that exist throughout the state and authorized the Department of Finance and Administration through the Department of Public Safety to provide emergency financial resources to county or municipal governments having declared that emergency conditions exist to help off-set the extraordinary costs associated with preventing and alleviating the

damage that may result from these dangerous fire conditions; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department through the State Forester has placed smoking, firework, campfire and open fire restrictions on all non-municipal, non-federal and non-tribal lands in eastern, southwestern, central and north central New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the current conditions constitute an emergency situation which could result in catastrophic consequences due to the significant fire hazards and conditions that exist in and around the City of Albuquerque.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

Section 1. That emergency conditions exist in the City of Albuquerque due to drought and hazardous fire conditions and directs staff to work cooperatively with community groups and other government agencies to promote public awareness of fire prevention techniques and to maintain a state of preparedness in the event of a wildland fire that may endanger the citizens and property of the City of Albuquerque.

Section 2. The Council authorizes the Albuquerque Fire Department to apply to the State of New Mexico Department of Public Safety for financial resources to aid in the extraordinary costs that may be incurred for public information, duty time by emergency responders and other costs reasonable and necessary to carry out the duties associated with fire prevention and preparedness.

